

THE IDENTITY OF THE BRITISH *STRONGYLOGNATHUS*
(HYMENOPTERA: FORMICIDAE)

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The following formal synonymy is required at this time:

Strongylognathus testaceus (Schenck)

Eciton testaceum Schenck, 1852, Jahrb. Ver. Nat. Nassau, 8: 117, 143, worker, female, male. Type loc.: Nassau, Germany.

Strongylognathus testaceus, Emery, 1922, Gen. Insect., 174: 286, synonymy.

Strongylognathus diveri Donisthorpe, 1936, Ent. mon. Mag., 72: 113, figs. 1, 2, 7, worker. Type loc.: Studland, Dorsetshire, England. Syntypes presumably in British Museum (Nat. Hist.), not seen. NEW SYNONYMY.

In checking carefully Donisthorpe's original description of *S. diveri* against series of *S. testaceus* from France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy in the Wheeler and Finzi Collections (det. Forel, Emery, Wheeler, Menozzi, Finzi), I found that Donisthorpe's comparison of the two species amounted simply to a list of the slight allometric divergences holding between the largest and smallest workers of the ordinary *testaceus*. Specimens of all three castes from Wareham, Dorset, kindly sent by Mr. C. A. Collingwood as representative of *S. diveri*, were compared with my continental series, with the result that the British specimens are considered to be well within the normal continental range of variation in the worker caste. The Wareham sexual forms are also exceedingly like those of my German, etc., samples, though the Wareham female is just a shade larger than any of the few females I have at present. The worker thoracic features emphasized by Donisthorpe as diagnostic appear to me to be the same in British and continental series, subject only to slight individual variations distributed geographically at random. The British form does not appear to me to be distinguishable by means of any reliable character or combination of characters.

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